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for **REMOVING RESIDUAL MAGNETIZATION IN A DATA TRANSDUCER**, the specification of which is being transmitted herewith.

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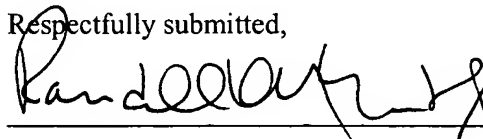
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